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Delayed wing inflation in *Orthosia incerta* Hufnagel (Lep.: Noctuidae) Clouded Drab.

In January and February 1990 I dug many pupae of *O. incerta* from the bases of deciduous trees (especially alder and white poplar) near Banff, Grampian region. Moths began to emerge in March, invariably in the morning between 08.00 and 11.00 hours GMT. On 6.3.90 two moths emerged about 10.00 hours. One inflated its wings normally after the usual few minutes rest, but the other, a male, hid in a dark corner of the breeding cage with its wings uninflated until I disturbed it at 19.00 hours. Then it became active, and started to inflate its wings at 19.15 hours. Apparently it had some difficulty, the hind wings being inflated first, but by 20.30 hours all the wings were fully expanded and the resulting moth was normal in spite of the delay except that the forewings were not quite flat.

All the other moths which emerged were normal in every way.— ROY LEVERTON, Ordiquhill, Cornhill, Banffshire AB45 2HS.